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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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# DAILY REPORT

33rd  
Legislative  
Day

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- The House will reconvene for its 34th Legislative Day on Wednesday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- No bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

## Today on the Floor

### Rules Calendar

#### **SB 211 Probate Court of Crisp County; office of judge; future elections; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 211 provides that future elections for the office of the probate court judge of Crisp County shall be non-partisan elections.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Carden Summers (13th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination	<b>Committee</b>	02-07-2022 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>		<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 101 Nays: 63	<b>Amendments:</b>	

#### **SB 331 "Protecting Georgia Businesses and Workers Act"; enact**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 331 prohibits local jurisdictions from enforcing any rule or ordinance that regulates the hours, or scheduling, that a private employer is required to provide to employees or that regulates employee output during work hours.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. John Albers (56th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House</b>	Industry and Labor	<b>Committee</b>	03-02-2022 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>		<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 99 Nays: 67	<b>Amendments:</b>	

#### **SB 340 Hospital Authorities and Designated Teaching Hospitals; definitions; revise**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 340 updates provisions related to medical education accreditation by replacing the "American Medical Association" with "Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education" as the accrediting body and removes the 50-resident program requirement.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House</b>	Health & Human Services	<b>Committee</b>	03-14-2022 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>		<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 161 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

#### **SB 346 Department of Administrative Services; companies owned or operated by China to bid on or submit a proposal for a state contract; prohibit**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 346 requires a company that submits a bid or a contract proposal to certify that the company is not a Chinese government-affiliated entity or owned or operated by the government of China. A company's false certification will result in civil liability, termination of contract, and ineligibility for future contracts.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House</b>	Governmental Affairs	<b>Committee</b>	03-02-2022 Do Pass by Committee
<b>Committee:</b>		<b>Action:</b>	Substitute
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 119 Nays: 45	<b>Amendments:</b>	

## Committee Actions

*Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.*

### Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee

**SB 529 Cable and Video Services; definition of video service relative to the "Consumer Choice for Television Act"; change**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 529 clarifies the definitions of cable and video services related to franchise fees. Cable and video services shall not include video programming accessed via a service that enables users to access content offered over the internet, including streaming content. Video service shall not include any video programming provided by a direct broadcast satellite service provider.

**Authorized By:** Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)  
**House Committee:** Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

### Health & Human Services Committee

**SB 338 Medicaid; postpartum coverage under Medicaid from six months to one year following birth; increase**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 338 extends the period of postpartum Medicaid coverage from six months to one year after delivery.

**Authorized By:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th)  
**House Committee:** Health & Human Services

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass

**SB 342 Insurance; annual reporting regarding mental health parity in healthcare plans; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 342 requires that insurers provide reports on their mental health parity compliance status. The insurance commissioner is required to release a public summary report, and insurers that fail to submit a sufficient and timely report may face a \$2,000 to \$5,000 penalty.

**Authorized By:** Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
**House Committee:** Health & Human Services

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass

**SB 345 State Government; state and local governments from mandating vaccine passports; prohibit**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 345 prohibits state and local governments from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of providing services, accessing a facility, issuing licenses or permits, performing duties, and other matters.

**Authorized By:** Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)  
**House Committee:** Health & Human Services

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass

**SB 496 Death Investigations; medical examiner's inquiry when a pregnant female dies and an inquest; require**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 496 requires a medical examiner's inquiry in cases where a woman dies within 365 days of being pregnant. This requirement is waived in cases when such woman dies from the result of a motor vehicle accident or when the cause of death is known. Coroners or medical examiners notified of such death are required to order an inquiry through a regional perinatal center.

**Authorized By:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th)  
**House Committee:** Health & Human Services

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass

## Human Relations & Aging Committee

### **SB 610 Department of Community Health; conduct a comprehensive review of provider reimbursement rates for home and community based services covered by the waiver programs; require**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 610 requires the Department of Community Health to conduct a comprehensive review every four years of provider reimbursement rates for home and community-based waiver services and programs and propose rate models, policy changes, and fiscal projections.

**Authored By:** Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)  
**House Committee:** Human Relations & Aging

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

### **SB 461 Bails, Bonds; human trafficking as a bailable offense; add the offense**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 461 adds human trafficking-related crimes in O.C.G.A. 16-5-46 to the list of crimes that are not eligible for an unsecured judicial release.

**Authored By:** Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass

### **SB 565 Sentence and Punishment; any time after conviction; defendant convicted of an offense and sentenced as a direct result of being a victim of trafficking for labor or sexual servitude may petition the sentencing court to grant the relief of vacatur; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 565 allows for a victim of human trafficking to vacate his or her sentence through a petition. This bill changes the timeframe of the existing procedure and allows for the petition to be filed at any time following a conviction of a misdemeanor or felony. Further, reimbursement of any fines and fees previously paid by the victim to the court that is vacating the sentence shall be paid to the victim from the Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund, which then creates a debt owed to the state that the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Board shall seek reimbursement for from the applicable entities. The bill also allows for remote testimony of the petitioner and expert witnesses.

**Authored By:** Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Retirement Committee

### **SB 84 Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; certain communications officers shall be eligible for membership in such fund; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 84 allows certain communications officers who are certified or maintain compliance with Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council's rules and regulations to become members of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. The bill also directs .75 percent of 9-1-1 charges remitted to the Department of Revenue to be sent to the fund. This bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill. The actuarial investigation determines there is no cost to this legislation, as the increased revenues to the fund cover the cost of expanding membership.

**Authored By:** Sen. John Albers (56th)  
**House Committee:** Retirement

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass

**SB 281 Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia; increase in dues; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 281 changes several provisions to the Sheriffs' Retirement System of Georgia. The bill increases the amount of dues paid by active members from \$45 per month to \$65 per month, raises the cost to purchase monthly creditable service from \$37.50 per month to \$65 per month, and increases the death benefit paid to survivors from \$15,000 to \$35,000. The bill also increases revenue to the fund through an increase in the fee for civil filings from \$1 for each proceeding to \$5 for each proceeding. A new source of revenue is added to the fund of \$2 from each fee collected before adjudication of guilt for purposes of pretrial diversion of any criminal or quasi-criminal case for violation of state statutes, county ordinances, or municipal ordinances. This bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill. The actuarial investigation determines the cost of this legislation is \$195,752 to be paid through a portion of fines and bond forfeitures.

**Authored By:** Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)  
**House Committee:** Retirement

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass

**Small Business Development Committee****SB 581 Property Boundary Lines; plane coordinates for defining and stating geographic position within this state as the Georgia State Plane Coordinate System; designate**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 581 designates the Georgia State Plane Coordinate System as the system for defining and stating geographic positions for property surveying within the state. Continued use of legal descriptions under the old system remain valid in the new system designation.

**Authored By:** Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)  
**House Committee:** Small Business Development

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass

**Special Rules Committee****HB 1035 Holidays and observances; designate March 10 of each year as Harriet Tubman Day**

Bill Summary: House Bill 1035 designates March 10th of each year as Harriet Tubman Day.

**Authored By:** Rep. Jasmine Clark (108th)  
**House Committee:** Special Rules

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass

**HR 625 State of Georgia; establish Georgia Gullah Geechee Heritage Society; encourage**

Bill Summary: House Resolution 625 encourages the State of Georgia to establish a Georgia Gullah Geechee Heritage Society. The resolution recognizes the tradition of the Gullah Geechee culture such as the history, music, dance, and other art forms.

**Authored By:** Rep. Carl Gilliard (162nd)  
**House Committee:** Special Rules

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass

**HR 667 House Study Committee on a State Digitization Act; create**

Bill Summary: House Resolution 667 creates the House Study Committee on a State Digitization Act. The study committee shall be composed of five members of the House, appointed by the speaker of the House. If the committee adopts any findings or recommendations, the chairperson shall file a report of any suggestions for proposed legislation before the date of abolishment. The committee is abolished on December 1, 2022.

**Authored By:** Rep. Mesha Mainor (56th)  
**House Committee:** Special Rules

**Committee Action:** 03-22-2022 Do Pass

## Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.  
To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit [www.house.ga.gov](http://www.house.ga.gov) and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).*

### Wednesday - March 23, 2022

8:00 AM	<a href="#">INSURANCE COMMITTEE</a>	606 CLOB HYBRID	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
8:00 AM	<a href="#">AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE</a>	406 CLOB HYBRID	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
8:00 AM	<a href="#">BANKS &amp; BANKING COMMITTEE</a>	506 CLOB HYBRID	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
9:00 AM	<a href="#">RULES COMMITTEE</a>	341 CAP	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	<a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 34)</a>	House Chamber	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	
1:00 PM	<a href="#">HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE</a>	606 CLOB HYBRID	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
1:00 PM	<a href="#">EDUCATION COMMITTEE</a>	341 CAP HYBRID	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
1:00 PM	<a href="#">STATE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE</a>	506 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
1:30 PM	<a href="#">Ways &amp; Means Tax Revision Subcommittee</a>	403 CAP HYBRID	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
1:30 PM	<a href="#">JUDICIARY COMMITTEE</a>	132 CAP HYBRID	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
2:00 PM	<a href="#">GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE</a>	406 CLOB HYBRID	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
3:00 PM	<a href="#">JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL COMMITTEE</a>	132 CAP HYBRID	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
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